



## CIA Senior Leadership Announcement

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### **Statement by CIA Director John O. Brennan**

When I was confirmed as CIA Director, one of the things that I was most looking forward to upon my return to the Agency was the opportunity to work side-by-side once again with Michael Morell. Michael and I began our Agency careers in 1980, and we have been close friends and colleagues since that time. Throughout his career, Michael has tackled some of the toughest assignments that CIA has to offer: Presidential Briefer, Associate Deputy Director, Director for Intelligence, Deputy Director, and—toughest of all—Acting Director. In each case, Michael's devotion to the men and women of the Agency, our intelligence mission, and to a job well done has been exemplary. And over the past three months, Michael's support and counsel to me have been invaluable, and I cannot thank him enough for helping me with my transition back to CIA.

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